

MINUTES ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Greenville, NC
February 10, 2003

The Greenville City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, third floor of the Municipal Building, with Mayor Robert D. Parrott presiding. The meeting was called to order, followed by the invocation by Chief Roy Spell, and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The following were present.

Mayor Robert D. Parrott
Mayor Pro-Tem Ric Miller
Council Member Mildred A. Council
Council Member Ray Craft
Council Member Pat Dunn
Council Member Rose H. Glover
Council Member Chip Little
Marvin W. Davis, City Manager
Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk
David A. Holec, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Council to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Glover to approve all the items under the consent agenda as listed below. Motion carried unanimously.

- (1) Minutes of the December 19, 2002; January 6, 2003; and January 9, 2003 City Council meetings
- (2) Resolution accepting dedication of public rights-of-way and easements shown on or implied by the final plat of Willow Run, Section 3 and Wyngate, Section 2, Phase 2. (Resolution No. 03-03)
- (3) Ordinance for subdivision wide speed limit in the Greenbriar neighborhood. (Ordinance No. 03-11)
- (4) Consideration of various tax refunds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Stephen Richard King	Prorate taxes on vehicle	\$ 131.41
Ernest & Mary Worthington	Vehicle charged in city limits in error	\$ 199.18
Wheels, Inc.	Prorate taxes on vehicle	\$ 179.53
First Citizens Bank & Trust	Business Personal Property in error	\$ 184.25

Carolina Radiation & Cancer

Business Personal Property
Assets over reported

\$2,400.28

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS PRESENTATIONSCommunity Appearance Commission

Ms. Diane Kulik, Chair of the Community Appearance Commission, explained to the Council that the Commission is concerned about the image the City projects and wants to make that image the best it can possibly be. The Commission recognizes businesses that work to beautify their premises. The biggest project of the Commission is a joint effort with the City, which is the Citywide cleanup that will take place March 29-April 5, and there should be more participation this year because there are funds for advertising. Ms. Kulik encouraged volunteers to help clean up the city and explained how each group can determine where it wants to work. Last year the Community Appearance Commission started a new program to recognize excellence in landscape and maintenance by making and advertising five awards each month. She thanked the dedicated staff of the City of Greenville that works with the Community Appearance Commission.

Human Relations Council

Ms. Mary Bragaw, Chair of the Human Relations Council, stated that the Commission is involved in numerous activities on a regular basis. The four main areas requesting assistance are tenant/landlord, consumer complaints, utilities/housing, and food/clothing. From January through December 2002 the Human Relations Office has received 343 requests for assistance. There were 84 calls about tenant/landlord relations. There was a major problem in the fall with consumer complaints. There were 66 between September and October against Greenville Home Outlet, a company that sold repossessed mobile homes. More than 33 citizens filed complaints with the Human Relations Council. Now they are assisting another citizen who feels their rights have been violated by a property owner. There were 65 requests for assistance with utilities and 55 requests for assistance in finding adequate housing. There were 32 families who requested assistance with food or clothing. A lot of referrals are done in that area.

Ms. Franceine Pina, Vice-Chair of the Human Relations Council, informed the Council of some of the events sponsored by the Human Relations Council.

- The Best-Irons Humanitarian Awards Banquet, which recognizes an outstanding individual and business that has exemplified service and commitment to human rights, dignity and equality for all citizens.
- The Young Citizen of the Year Program, which recognizes an outstanding youth who has contributed to the community by exceptional volunteer service.
- The Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday and the Bill of Rights Universal Declaration of Human Rights Reading Day, which are designed to observe, educate and celebrate cultural diversity in Greenville.

- Choices Options and Ladies of Distinction, which are programs designed to educate and encourage African-American males and females on the importance of setting obtainable goals, to encourage proper values, build self esteem and self confidence and discovering career options.
- Fair Housing Seminars that are designed to educate and promote fair housing for the citizens of Greenville and surrounding areas.

Board of Adjustment

Mr. Charles Farley, Chairman of the Board of Adjustment, summarized the cases that were heard by the Board of Adjustment during 2002.

Sheppard Memorial Library

Ms. Joanne Lewis, Chair of the Sheppard Memorial Library, stated the Sheppard Memorial Library system is composed of five libraries and one book mobile. There was a tremendous increase in use during FY 2001-2002. More than 300,000 people visited the various facilities, which is a 20% increase. Circulation of books totaling more than 409,000 showed a 13% increase over the previous year. The use of non-book materials was eight percent higher than the previous year. Much of the increase was due to the expansion of the main library and the expansion of the East Branch. The central library building was recognized during the year by the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association as the "Outstanding Improved Facility for 2001". With this increase in usage, the library has faced budget woes. During 2001-2002 the library lost more than \$90,000 in local and state revenues, which was more than five percent of its budget. As a result of frugal measures during the year; however, no operating hours had to be cut from any of the libraries, none of the employees were laid off, and maintenance of key equipment and facilities has not been sacrificed. Between December 5 and January 23, the main library hosted a traveling interactive exhibit entitled "Go Figure" that was designed to bring the exciting world of math to children aged 2-7, and 1700 children attended that display. The library is working with the town of Winterville to build a new 6200 square foot branch to replace the existing 1500 square foot library, which is scheduled to be completed November 2003. The library is applying for a federal library planning grant that will allow development of the strategic plan for the next five to seven years. Ms. Lewis concluded by stating that the Sheppard Memorial Library Board of Trustees thanks the City Council for past support and looks forward to working together in the future to improve the quality of life in the community.

DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Mayor Parrott stated that the legislative delegation attended the last Pitt County Mayor's Association meeting, and there was good discussion. The City is well represented with good representatives and senators.

City Attorney Holec explained that the 2003 Session of the General Assembly convened on Wednesday, January 29 and the Senate has established the deadline for introduction of local bills. If any of the legislative initiatives that constitute a local bill are to be introduced, the deadline is March 19, 2003. The house has not yet established a date. He stated that the City is not alone in its efforts to secure legislation which will assist it in providing services to its citizens. The NCLM, in representing its 525 member cities, towns, and villages, promotes the common interests of municipalities in the General Assembly. The League has legislative goals and policies that it promotes through staff members advocating these policies with the General Assembly.

City Attorney Holec stated that it is not going to be easy to secure legislation during this session, as the General Assembly has some major issues to focus on immediately, one being the State budget for FY 2003-2004 and then for the next year after that. The budget issues are going to consume a lot of their attention and focus. The League has advised that at this session the City should take a defensive posture, which is protecting against the erosion of what the existing authorities are or any unfunded mandates. The advice of the members of the legislative delegation is to be careful with what is presented to them as far as local legislative initiatives. They have indicated that if an initiative is controversial, they will have difficulty bringing it forward. If the initiative can possibly be considered as a tax, it will be difficult to have enacted. The Council needs to make sure that what it proposes has a definite benefit. He asked the Council to keep that in mind as he goes through the issues that the Council may choose as local legislative initiatives. He stated that based upon the input received from Council Members and City staff, some potential legislative initiatives for Council to consider for this session or future sessions have been prepared. This is simply a listing for Council to choose from. Those issues were reviewed with Council and appropriate direction given as follows:

1. Seek authority for the City to utilize video imaging equipment to enforce speeding laws on City streets. The City currently has the authority to utilize such equipment as an enforcement measure to reduce red light running. Revenue generated through the collection of civil fines pays for the capital cost of equipment. No municipality in North Carolina currently has this authority although there are several states that allow this enforcement mechanism. This initiative was approved by Council for the 2001 Session, and a local bill was introduced and assigned to a committee but did not progress further. There is no municipality in North Carolina with this authority; however, there are municipalities in other states that have it. Charlotte is looking at the potential of seeking this authority. This would be controversial if introduced.
(The Council chose to not pursue this issue at this time as it would be controversial if introduced. City Attorney Holec stated that it will be kept on a list to bring back in future years, because it is a good initiative.)
2. Seek authority for the City to regulate the planting, removal, and preservation of trees (including clear-cutting) on public and private property. Several municipalities in North Carolina have secured local legislation to gain this authority with Cary, Durham, Garner, Knightdale, Fuquay-Varina and Morrisville receiving the authority during the 2001 Session. This is legislation that, if introduced, has some controversy attached to it.
(The Council chose to not pursue this issue at this time due to the fact that there is some controversy associated with it.)

3. Secure enactment of legislation on a statewide basis which will provide a menu of revenue options for local governments would provide each city with the authority to utilize the revenue sources which best meet the needs of the city and its citizens. This initiative was approved by Council last year. He suggested that the City monitor the activity of the General Assembly and if a bill comes forward that looks like it would be something they would consider, to bring it back to City Council to see if they want to express something at that time. There is no time sensitive deadline because it would be a statewide measure.
(The Council chose to go along with the recommendation of the City Attorney.)
4. Secure a State source of funding for the Southwest Bypass Project through the Highway Trust Fund or other mechanism. This initiative was approved by Council last year. This is included within the goals and policies of the League. The suggestion is to treat it similarly in the event there is legislation that comes forward that would allow funding that the City can take advantage of. If the Council wants to be more proactive, they can adopt it up front, but the recommendation is to do something similar to the revenue initiatives.
(The Council chose to keep this out there to let the Legislators know they are still interested.)
5. Seek authority to appoint members to the Redevelopment Commission who are residents within Pitt County. Currently, members of the Redevelopment Commission are required to be residents of the City of Greenville. There has been some interest expressed in expanding the potential pool of members by changing this requirement so that they may be residents of areas outside the corporate limits but within the county.
(Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Council to move forward with this issue as presented. Motion failed with a 1:5 vote. Council Member Craft voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and Council Members Dunn, Council, Glover and Little voted in opposition.)
6. Secure enactment of legislation which will increase the flexibility of the use of fees generated for the Emergency Telephone System Fund (911) in order to expand the ability of counties to use these funds for purchase or lease of any and all communication equipment associated with receiving, processing or dispatching emergency calls for law enforcement, fire, medical, rescue or other public safety services. The Pitt County Board of Commissioners has approved this as a legislative initiative. The City would benefit from such legislation since a permitted expenditure, if this authority is received, would be the purchase of radios for municipalities which will be required to complement the proposed new Pitt County radio system. The County would like to have this expanded so that there are additional expanded expenditures. They are particularly looking for assistance with their expanded radio system. This would be a statewide measure. There may be some controversy associated with it because of the utility lobbies and the fact that it involves a fee. He recommended that the Council consider this as an initiative in order to show support for the County. The City does secure a benefit, also.
(The consensus of the Council was to include this as a legislative initiative.)

7. Secure enactment of legislation that will add Pitt County to the list of counties in which the district attorney has the authority to establish a program for the collection of worthless checks which may be prosecuted. District Attorney Clark Everett is seeking this authority as a means to reduce the time being devoted by law enforcement personnel and the Court system to prosecute these cases. The program would mandate that merchants make some collection effort prior to securing a criminal summons from a magistrate. Currently, there is substantial time devoted by law enforcement personnel in serving the summons and one to two days per month of Court time devoted to prosecution of these cases. There are currently 13 counties that have the authority to use this program and they have been successful in reducing the resources devoted to these matters so that law enforcement and Court personnel may focus on other important issues.
(The consensus of the Council was to include this as a legislative initiative.)
8. Seek authority to withhold the issuance of a building permit if the person seeking the permit has taxes that are delinquent. This would provide another tool to facilitate the collection of taxes. Davie County currently possesses this authority. This initiative was approved by Council last year. A local bill was introduced and assigned to a committee but did not progress further. City Attorney Holec stated that this may be one that it is not worthwhile to pursue at this time.
(The consensus of the Council was to not include this as a legislative initiative at this time.)
9. Seek authority to withhold the issuance of a privilege license if all other pertinent permits have not been obtained. This would assist in the elimination of uninformed or improper reliance upon the retention of a privilege license being equivalent to full approval to undertake business activity at a particular location. This initiative was approved by Council last year. A local bill was introduced and assigned to a committee but did not progress further.
(The consensus of the Council was to not include this as a legislative initiative at this time.)

City Attorney Holec reported that he would bring forward resolutions for 4, 6 and 7 on February 13 for Council consideration.

RECOMMENDATION FOR UPTOWN GREENVILLE AREA TO BE INCLUDED IN NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Mr. Ken Tippette informed the Council that there has been an interest in having the downtown area recognized for its historic significance. In the past, that would have been difficult due to major alterations to the downtown fabric. Partly as a result of the City's facade grant improvement program, there has been a remergence of the area's historic character. Including the downtown in the National Register confers an honorary stature, which is a continual improvement of the City's quality of life. Inclusion on the register also provides an economic incentive in the form of tax benefits to property owners who wish to make improvements to their properties. At the January 28 Historic Preservation Commission meeting, a public hearing was held and there were a number of people in attendance who had an interest in this issue; however, no one chose to speak at the hearing. The Commission voted unanimously to recommend that the Greenville Commercial Historic District be named to the National Register of Historic

Places. He asked the Council to recommend that the district be recognized. The area that is proposed lies between Washington and Reade Streets and between Reade Circle and Second Street.

Motion was made by Council Member Council and seconded by Council Member Dunn to approve the recommendation for Uptown Greenville area to be included in the National Register of Historic Places. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND RATIFYING ACTION OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES IN FILING APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL THEREOF WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION – ADOPTED

Ms. Bernita Demery, Director of Financial Services, introduced the “Resolution making certain findings relating to the authorization and issuance of public improvement bonds of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, and ratifying action of Director of Financial Services in filing application for approval thereof with the Local Government Commission”.

City Manager Marvin Davis summarized the resolution, which read as follows:

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**RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE
AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS
OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND RATIFYING
ACTION OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES IN FILING APPLICATION
FOR APPROVAL THEREOF WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Greenville, North Carolina (the “City”) is considering the authorization of \$1,250,000 Public Improvement Bonds of the City (the “Bonds”) for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, for portions of the costs of certain capital projects, including providing designs for a new City Hall, improving an existing city cemetery and acquiring and developing property adjacent thereto for such purpose and rebuilding a portion of a park and recreational facility known as the River Park North Science and Nature Center; now, therefore,

BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Greenville:

Section 1. The City Council hereby finds and determines, in connection with authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, that (a) the issuance of the Bonds is necessary or expedient for the City, (b) the proposed principal amount of the Bonds is adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose of such issue, (c) the City’s debt management procedures and policies are good and are managed in strict compliance with law, (d) no increase in taxes will be necessary to service the Bonds and (e) under current economic conditions, the Bonds can be marketed at reasonable rates of interest.

Section 2. The actions of the Director of Financial Services in (i) filing an application for approval of the bonds with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina (the "LGC") and (ii) retaining Sidney Austin Brown & Wood LLP as Bond Counsel and Legg Mason Wood Walker, Incorporated as financial advisor, are hereby ratified and confirmed, and the LGC is hereby requested to approve such financing team.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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Motion was made by Council Member Dunn and seconded by Council Member Glover to adopt the resolution making certain findings relating to the authorization and issuance of public improvement bonds of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, and ratifying action of the Director of Financial Services in filing application for approval thereof with the Local Government Commission. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 03-4)

Ms. Demery introduced the following order authorizing bonds, which was read by title and summarized by the City Manager.

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ORDER AUTHORIZING
\$1,250,000 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Greenville:

1. That, pursuant to The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the City of Greenville, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said City may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue Public Improvement Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$1,250,000, for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, for portions of the costs of certain capital projects, including providing designs for a new City Hall, improving an existing city cemetery and acquiring and developing property adjacent thereto for such purpose and rebuilding a portion of a park and recreational facility known as the River Park North Science and Nature Center.

2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of the debt of said City has been filed with the City Clerk and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect 30 days after its publication following adoption, unless it is petitioned to a vote of the people as provided in G.S. § 159-60 in which event it will take effect when approved by the voters of said City at a referendum as provided in said Act.

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The City Council thereupon designated the Director of Financial Services as the officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the City Clerk the sworn statement of debt of the City, which is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed after a bond order has been introduced and before the public hearing thereon.

Thereupon the Director of Financial Services filed with the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, the sworn statement of debt as so required.

Thereupon the order entitled "ORDER AUTHORIZING \$1,250,000 PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BONDS" was passed on first reading.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the City Council fixed 7:30 p.m. on February 24, 2003, in the Council Chambers in City Hall in Greenville, North Carolina, as the hour, day and place for the public hearing upon the foregoing order and directed the City Clerk to publish the order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The Daily Reflector not later than the sixth day before the date fixed for the public hearing.

RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE AND RATIFYING ACTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES IN FILING THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL THEREOF WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION - ADOPTED

Ms. Bernita Demery, Director of Financial Services, introduced the following resolution, which was read by title and summarized by the City Manager.

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RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION AND ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND RATIFYING ACTION OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SERVICES IN FILING APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL THEREOF WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Greenville, North Carolina (the "City") is considering the authorization of not exceeding \$13,100,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the City (the "Bonds") for the purpose of refunding all of the City's General Obligation Bonds, Series 1993, in order to achieve debt service savings; now, therefore,

BE IT DETERMINED AND RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Greenville:

Section 1. The City Council hereby finds and determines, in connection with authorizing the issuance of the Bonds, that (a) the issuance of the Bonds is necessary or expedient for the City, (b) the proposed principal amount of the Bonds is adequate and not excessive for the proposed purpose of such issue, (c) the City's debt management procedures and policies are good and are managed in strict compliance with law, (d) no increase in taxes will be necessary to service the Bonds and (e) under current economic conditions, the Bonds can be marketed at reasonable rates of interest.

Section 2. The actions of the Director of Financial Services in (i) filing an application for approval of the Bonds with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina (the "LGC") and (ii) retaining Sidney Austin Brown & Wood LLP as Bond Counsel and Legg Mason Wood Walker, Incorporated as financial advisor, are hereby ratified and confirmed, and the LGC is hereby requested to approve such financing team.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

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Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller and seconded by Council Member Craft to adopt the resolution making certain findings relating to the authorization and issuance of general obligation bonds of the City of Greenville and ratifying action of the Director of Financial Services in filing the application for approval thereof with the Local Government Commission. Motion carried unanimously. (Resolution No. 03-05)

Thereupon the Director of Financial Services introduced the following order authorizing bonds, which was read by title and summarized by the City Manager.

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ORDER AUTHORIZING \$13,100,000
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS

BE IT ORDERED by the City Council of the City of Greenville:

1. That, pursuant to the Local Government Bond Act, as amended, the City of Greenville, North Carolina, is hereby authorized to contract a debt, in addition to any and all other debt which said City may now or hereafter have power or authority to contract, and in evidence thereof to issue General Obligation Refunding Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$13,100,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, for refunding all of the City's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series 1993, including the payment of expenses related thereto.

2. That taxes shall be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest on said bonds.

3. That a sworn statement of the debt of said City has been filed with the City Clerk and is open to public inspection.

4. That this order shall take effect upon its adoption.

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The City Council thereupon designated the Director of Financial Services as the Officer whose duty it shall be to make and file with the City Clerk the sworn statement of debt of the City which is required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, to be filed after a bond order has been introduced and before the public hearing thereon.

Thereupon the Director of Financial Services filed with the City Clerk, in the presence of the City Council, the sworn statement of debt as so required.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the City Council fixed 7:30 p.m. on February 24, 2003, in the City Council Chambers of City Hall, 201 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Greenville, North Carolina, as the hour, day and place for the public hearing upon the foregoing order and directed the City Clerk to publish the order, together with the appended statement as required by The Local Government Bond Act, as amended, once in The Daily Reflector not later than the sixth day before said date.

REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 13, 2003 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

The Council reviewed the items on the February 13, 2003 City Council agenda.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Craft suggested pursuing dates to meet for 1.5 hour and move forward on some of the items from the planning session.

City Manager Davis suggested one topic per meeting.

It was the consensus of the Council for the meetings to take place on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Little stated that the Police Community Relations Committee will be meeting in District 5 at the Boys and Girls Club on February 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Glover stated that anyone is welcome to attend the meeting on the 19th, regardless of the district they live in.

Council Member Glover stated that she attended a meeting in Raleigh on Project Safe Neighborhoods, which is designed to come up with solutions for crime. The US Attorney General is working hard to make the program work in Greenville. Council Member Glover encouraged the Council to get involved and stated that she will bring information on this project to the Council on Thursday. A meeting is going to be held in Greenville that will focus on gun violence.

Council Member Glover stated that on February 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dubois Center, there will be a Town Hall Meeting. The Pitt County Black Legislative Caucus has been invited as well as other elected officials. They will be discussing politics and issues facing communities. The title of the meeting will be People, Power and Politics.

Council Member Council thanked those who supported the Communities in Schools event with David Mirra.

Council Member Council announced Achievement Night for young people participating in 4-H Clubs that will be held at the Agricultural Center on February 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Council Member Council stated that she and Council Member Little attended the kick-off for March of Dimes today.

Council Member Council stated that on March 11, the Human Relations Council is bringing in young people for the Choices program.

Council Member Council announced that February is Black History Month. She will be working with the schools on this.

Council Member Dunn stated that the Best-Irons Humanitarian Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, February 15, at the Hilton.

Council Member Dunn thanked the teachers for the work that they do.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Update on the Joint City/Greenville Utilities Commission Committee regarding the sale of the Greenville Utilities Commission Main Building

City Manager Davis stated that an appraiser for the Greenville Utilities Commission Building has been selected, and it is anticipated that the appraisal will be completed the third or fourth week in February. A joint meeting will be scheduled with the Greenville Utilities Commissioners to discuss this.

Update on a planned trip to Washington, DC on March 4 to present the City's legislative earmarking requests to members of our federal delegation

City Manager Davis stated that he and the Mayor will be going to Washington to ask the delegation to provide for earmarks for direct appropriations to the City of Greenville for some or all of the five priorities that were established by the Ferguson Group.

The NCLM 2003 Regional Mini-Conferences on Wednesday, March 26, 2003 at the Greenville Hilton. The session begins at 11:30 a.m.

City Manager Davis reminded the Council of the NCLM 2003 Regional Mini-Conference that will be held in Greenville on Wednesday, March 26.

Clean Water Trust Fund Dinner

City Manager Davis reported that the Council received an invitation to attend the Clean Water Trust Fund Dinner to be held Sunday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. at the Beef Barn.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Miller to go into closed session in order to (1) prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes in accordance with G.S. 143-318.10(e) and to (2) establish or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease. Motion carried unanimously

OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Glover to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Glover to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda T. Elks, CMC
City Clerk